

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Reich, et al.  
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Group Art Unit : 1635  
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Examiner : Sean McGarry

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR siRNA INHIBITION OF HIF-1 $\alpha$

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This Response and Request for Continued Examination is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 3, 2008 in the above-identified application. The Office Action set forth a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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